

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/528,751 Confirmation No. : 4687  
First Named Inventor : Markus ABERLE  
Filed : March 22, 2005  
TC/A.U. : Not Yet Assigned  
Examiner : Not Yet Assigned

Docket No. : 102063.56895US  
Customer No. : 23911

Title : Circuit Configuration and Method for Identifying  
Error Situations in Inter Connected Systems

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior to the examination of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.